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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to urge the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Microsoft has given up a lot in order to settle the suit and put the issue behind them. I would like to see the government accept the settlement and allow the technology industry to move on.

Many people think that Microsoft has gotten off easy. Truth be told they have not. Microsoft has agreed to allow computer makers to install and promote any software that they see fit while offering Microsoft software at a uniform price. In addition to the agreement with computer makers, Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit.

Microsoft has agreed to many concessions simply to settle the issue and move on. The government should accept the settlement and allow Microsoft to move forward.

Sincerely,



Anthony W. Birdsall